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**DWR Schedules Aquatic Adventure Camp at Lake Perris**

SACRAMENTO – A signup period is now under way for the first Aquatic Adventure Camp at Lake Perris and Valley View High School, co-sponsored by the Department of Water Resources and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Enrollment is being accepted at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area, 17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA 92571 (Telephone: 909-657-0676).

Twenty-one youngsters, aged 8 -15, will be accepted into each of two sessions: July 12-23 and July 26-August 6. The cost is \$25, although financial assistance may be available. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enrollees will be taught how to swim or how to improve their swimming techniques. They will also receive instruction in water safety, sailing, kayaking, CPR, and physical fitness, and take part in one overnight camping experience at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

The program was developed for young people in cities located along the State Water Project. While welcoming all youngsters, the primary focus is on at-risk youth because statistics show that they represent the highest category of drowning victims in California's lakes, rivers and reservoirs.

The first Aquatic Adventure Camp was held three years ago in Chico and Oroville following a recommendation from the State Water Project Recreation Coordination Committee and received the "Best Innovative Programming" award from the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

While continuing in Chico and Oroville, and expanding to Lake Perris in Southern California, the Aquatic Adventure Camp program is also being held this summer at San Luis Reservoir for youngsters from the Los Banos and Gustine areas and at Lake del Valle for San Joaquin County youth.

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